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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A device for generating specific and selective signals for application to

a capacitive coupling and/or inductive coupling device for the generation of selective electric

or electromagnetic fields for the treatment of defective or diseased tissue in a human knee

joint, comprising:

a signal generator that generates compound electric signals that selectively up-

regulate at least one of Aggrecan gene expression and Type II Collagen gene expression and

selectively down-regulates metalloprotease gene expression; and

means for communicating said compound electric signals to said capacitive and/or

inductive coupling device.

2. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein said compound electric signals

comprise a 60 kHz sine wave having a peak to peak voltage of approximately 4.6 V to 7.6 V.

3. (Original) A device as in claim 2, wherein said compound electric signals

comprise a 100% duty cycle signal that is generated for approximately 30 minutes and a 50%

duty cycle signal that is generated for approximately 1 hour after said 100% duty cycle

signal.

4. (Original) A device as in claim 3, wherein said signal generator further generates

during a 24 hour time period at least one additional 50% duty cycle signal having a duration

of approximately 1 hour.

5. (Original) A device as in claim 4, wherein said signal generator is selectable into

at least three modes, a first mode for generating during a 24 hour time period said compound

electric signal and three of said additional 50% duty cycle signals, a second mode for

generating during a 24 hour time period said compound electric signal and two of said

additional 50% duty cycle signals, and a third mode for generating during a 24 hour time

period said compound electric signal and one of said additional 50% duty cycle signals.

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6. (Original) A device as in claim 5, wherein said signal generator comprises a

switch that may be manually or automatically switched to switch said signal generator into

different modes.

7. (Original) A device as in claim 1, further comprising means for holding said

signal generator in proximity of a patient for communication with said capacitive and/or

inductive coupling device.

8. (Original) A device as in claim 7, wherein said holding means comprises a

Velcro<sup>™</sup> strap that holds said signal generator to one of a patient's leg and a knee wrap.

9. (Original) A device as in claim 7, wherein said holding means comprises a

pocket in one of a knee wrap and leg wrap.

10. (Original) A device as in claim 7, wherein said holding means comprises one of a

pocket and a holster worn at the patient's waist.

11. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein said communicating means comprises

one of an electric lead and a wireless connection.

12. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein said signal generator comprises a

microcontroller responsive to time of day data to selectively generate said compound electric

signals at predetermined treatment times.

13. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein said signal generator generates

compound electric signals that down-regulate the gene expression of metalloproteases and

other proteases in the treatment of cancer and in the prevention of metastases in cancer.

14. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein said signal generator is selectable to

generate said compound electric signal at different voltages in accordance with a

circumference of a patient's knee.

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